

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-8 are now present in the application. The specification, abstract and claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 have been amended. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Specification Objections

The specification and the abstract have been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

In addition, a Substitute Specification is attached hereto. This statement is included in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 to indicate that it is the undersigned's belief that no new matter has been included in the Substitute Specification and Abstract.

A comparison version of the specification is provided. This comparison document indicates all additions and deletions to the originally filed specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the Substitute Specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the comparison document which compares the originally filed specification to the amended specification or Substitute Specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 have been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. As the Examiner will note, the term "series" has been removed from independent claims 1, 3 and 5. Accordingly, all pending claims comply with the enablement requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state of the prior art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: **Substitute Specification**
 Marked-up Version of the Specification

